

September 5<sup>th</sup> 2017

## Resistance is Futile

Read the Mission Statement. Encourage everyone to be involved but to be sure and allow others to participate and to keep their comments on topic.

WORSHIP: Take a moment and discuss how being a part of New Life has changed your life for the better. Follow up with a prayer of Thanks to God for the church and the people in the church.

From the Andy Stanley Series – White Flag

### LESSON:

Have you ever known that God wanted you to do one thing . . . make a particular decision . . . move in a certain direction? But you resisted and possibly did the opposite . . . you ran the other way.

That is exactly what Jonah did, he resisted and found himself in the belly of a fish. Where has your resistance taken you?

### DISCUSSION

1. Did you ever run away from home as a child? What happened?
2. As you look back, describe a point in your life when you were “running” in a direction away from God?
3. Why do people run away from God? What is it about God’s reputation that causes many people to run away rather than to him?
4. Read Jonah 1-2:1. Jonah seemed to be the last person in the boat to recognize the chaos going on around him. How often is it that those who are running are the last to connect their choices to the chaos in their lives?

5. Why is it that many people view difficulties in their lives as a way of God paying them back? How might those hardships be a way of God not paying them back . . . but bringing them back?
6. In what areas in your life are you currently running away from God? Are you experiencing any “storms” as a result? What is stopping you from taking off your running shoes and kneeling to find a God that’s been waiting for you to come back?

Here's the bottom line: you can run from God, but you can't outrun God.

God demonstrates the kind of love that the Bible describes as steadfast. It's a love that waits for you however long it takes. It's the kind of love that cares enough to discipline you—not to pay you back, but to bring you back.

So let that sink in for a little bit.

PRAY: Have a moment of prayer and commitment. Lead with a time of repenting and then encourage corporate commitment.

## **HOME FELLOWSHIP MISSION STATEMENT**

It is the mission of the Home Groups to provide the Body of Christ a safe haven to minister to the needs of others by opening our homes in fellowship, joining together in worship, and encouraging each other to become more like Christ.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- September is Preparedness Month – find information and “How To’s next to the Guest Center at New Life
- Fried Pie Fundraiser – Sept 21<sup>st</sup>
- Ladies (Ages 13- 50) – Panera Bread – Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 PM
- Ladies Fall Outing (Shopping) – Oct 14<sup>th</sup>